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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 and 7 are pending. Claims 2-6 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of original claims 1-3. Claim 7 is a new system claim for application of the methodology of amended claim 1.

No new subject matter has been added to the specification or claims.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for double patenting. Claims 1-2, 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as provisional double patenting. Claims 1-3, 6 were rejected for non-statutory double patenting in view of U.S. patent number 6,690,837. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for insufficient antecedent basis. Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Nakamura U.S. patent no. 6,215,914. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the combination of Nakamura and Delabastita U.S. patent no. 5,766,807. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the combination of Nakamura and Delabastita U.S. patent no. 5,818,604. The above rejections are respectfully overcome by the cancellation of claims 2-6 and the amendment of claim 1.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of original claims 1-3. Furthermore, a Terminal Disclaimer is attached with respect to US patent no. 6,690,837 (see paragraph #5 of the office action). Hence claim 1 is now allowable as indicated in paragraph 14 of the office action.

The Abstract has been amended as required. No new subject matter has been added to the application.

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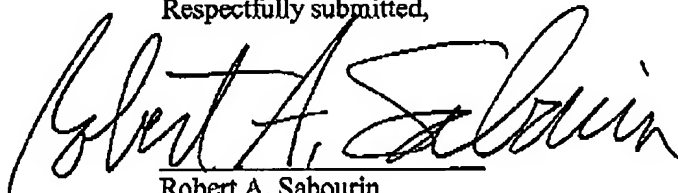
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The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed but is not considered material to the patentability of the invention.

Please charge the Terminal Disclaimer fee and any other fees due under this general authorization to Deposit Account no. 13-3377.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that each rejection of the Office Action has been addressed and overcome so that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, withdraw the rejections and/or objections, and pass the application to issue. Should questions arise during examination, the Examiner is welcome to contact the applicant's attorney as listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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